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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/625,666

Applicants: Yuichiro DEGUCHI, et al.

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For: SEARCHING SYSTEM, SEARCHING UNIT,
SEARCHING METHOD, DISPLAYING METHOD
FOR SEARCH RESULTS, TERMINAL UNIT,
INPUTTING UNIT, AND RECORD MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2166

Examiner: HWANG, J.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In reply to the Notice of Allowance of November 15, 2006, applicants provide the following comments.

The Examiner's reasons for allowance, on page 21, prenumbered paragraph 8, state:

The closest prior art, Deguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,578,047) disclosing searching broadcasted contents based on time information stored in a portable device, fails to suggest the claimed limitations as mentioned above in combination with other claimed elements.

In reply applicants note that Deguchi is not in fact prior art against the claims, and thus that statement that Deguchi is the closest prior art is believed to be inaccurate. As noted in the Response filed August 23, 2006 Deguchi has a common assignee with the instant application and the invention disclosed but not claimed in Deguchi was derived from the inventors of the present application, and thus is not an invention "by another". Under these

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circumstances applicants submit Deguchi is therefore not in fact prior art against the present application, and thus the Comments on Reasons for Allowance are inaccurate.

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